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Yoshiaki YOKOYAMA et al.

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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SOIL, SOIL-PROCESSING UNIT,  
METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND UNIT FOR PROCESSING

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 23 and 36 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. article 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 23 and 36 are set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment.

23. (amended) A treatment apparatus for treating an object to be treated containing organic halides or being capable of